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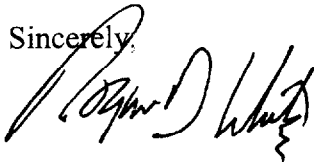
Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CPI

Dear Sir or Madam:

I write this letter urging you to grant petition 98P-0151/CPI to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. This has been of great concern to me for a long time and this is now an opportunity to support the cessation of this procedure. The reasons are well-known to those who are acquainted with downed animals and slaughter. These animals are too ill or too injured and should not become components of the human food chain. These animals cannot be moved in a humane manner and therefore are subject to further injury because of the brutal methods utilized to move them.

Finally, terminating the market for these sick and injured animals will surely become a major force to the industry for prevention of circumstances that lead to downed animals at all. It is a tragic and inhumane situation that must be eradicated and this is most certainly an opportunity to bring a halt to bringing to market downed animals for very defensible reasons. I urge you to support this initiative to prohibit the slaughter of these sick and injured animals.

Sincerely,



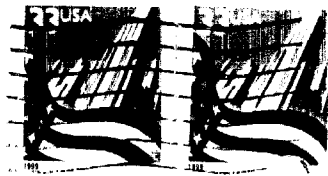
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